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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the claims as amended above. Applicants' attorney, Nathaniel Ari Long, can be reached at 206-332-1385.


In considering the above claims, Applicants would like to bring the following exemplary portions of the specification to the examiner's attention:

- Application page 12, line 16 to page 13, line 9
- Application page 15, line 12 to page 16, line 16 (corresponding to Fig. 3)

In contrast to the claims and above-quoted sections of the application, Netegrity discloses dynamically filling a cache of policy information, such as by adding additional policy information each time a user requests a resource. See Netegrity "Policy Store Cache." This description in Netegrity does not address dynamic policy in the sense that the policy itself may be changing, but rather to filling a cache as requests for resources are made (instead of all at once).

For at least this reason, Applicants consider the claims allowable over the various cited references. Thank you for your continued consideration of this matter.

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